

## Poetic Image Of Woman

1945 - 1960

Adam bartered rib  
to create answer to his needs.

Close visual scrutiny,  
far flight of imagination --  
a line of demarkation,  
a point where reality and fancy part --  
the midriff they took to pondering.

The upper structure: head, cheeks,  
hair, eyes, lips, breasts, necks --  
superfluous trivia, lacking utility to man --  
would be atrophied by disuse.

The under half --  
thighs guard gateway to pudenda,  
epicenter of man's needs, raison d' etre.

To this utopian ideal  
they glued poet's visionary eyes,  
man's wisdom, ultimate hopes.

-- Archie Rosenhouse

Los Angeles, California

### Bachelor Breakfast

Bald, he eats  
Boiled eggs across  
A table void  
Of the condiments  
Of cold cream and curlers.

She Sat, Lapful Of Cat,

Chatting with Father Thatcher  
On the advisability  
Of marriage before pregnancy.

-- Judith Bechtold

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